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For: RETRACTOR WITH INTERCHANGEABLE RETRACTOR

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Sir:

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	In response to the Official Action dated April 23, 2009, reconsideration is	
respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:		
		Amendments to the Specification begin on page of this paper.
	\boxtimes	Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
		Amendments to the Drawings begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
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		Request For Refund submitted herewith.